



**Defense Information Systems Agency
Joint Interoperability Test Command
Fort Huachuca, Arizona**



Visitor Information Packet

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MISSION

JITC provides a full-range of agile and cost-effective test, evaluation, and certification services to support rapid acquisition and fielding of global net-centric warfighting capabilities.

VISION

A world-class test and evaluation (T&E) organization that advances global net-centric testing in support of warfighting capabilities through a full range of agile and cost-effective T&E and certification services.

HISTORY

In 1988, the Defense Communications Agency (DCA) absorbed the Tri-Service Tactical Communications (TRI-TAC) Joint Test Element (JTE) and the Joint Tactical Command, Control, and Communications Agency (JTC3A) Joint Interoperability Test Facility (JITF). DCA consolidated these organizations in 1989 to form the “Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC)” in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. JITC’s primary mission was to provide interoperability compliance testing and certification.

As the designated lead for DOD Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (C3I) support, DCA tasked the JITC to perform interoperability tests of various systems including High Frequency (HF) radio systems, Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM) systems, and the Worldwide Military Command and Control System (WWMCCS).

In 1992, DCA was renamed “DISA” to reflect its expanded role in managing the Defense Information Infrastructure (DII), now known as the Global Information Grid (GIG). As a result, JITC’s responsibilities for ensuring joint interoperability of all military systems began to increase as well, causing the need for growth and expansion within the organization.

In 1993, The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Command (NCTC) proposed an initiative to transfer the functions and resources of the Naval Telecommunications Systems Integration Center (NAVTELSYSIC) to the JITC. Since 1976, the NAVTELSYSIC test facility operated out of Cheltenham, Maryland, and was the primary site for the Quality Assurance (QA) and Functional Certification testing of all Navy messaging systems. DISA and the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) agreed that the transfer of NAVTELSYSIC resources to JITC would improve both agencies’ ability to enhance operational fleet support. Thus, JITC’s east coast arm, known as the Washington Operations Division, was established. In 1998, the Washington Operations facility was moved to the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) at Indian Head, Maryland.

In 2006, JITC established a test group at the DISA facility in Falls Church, Virginia to support the fielding of global-net-centric solutions by providing continuous and effective T&E services to DISA joint acquisition programs within the Enterprise Services construct.

Today, testers at all JITC facilities work in concert to provide a seamless test capability in support of the armed services.

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Helpful URLs:

- JITC – http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/local_info/
- Sierra Vista Convention and Visitor's Bureau – <http://www.visitsierravista.com>
- City of Sierra Vista, Arizona – <http://www.ci.sierra-vista.az.us>

JITC CLEARANCE INSTRUCTIONS

The following information can be found using this URL:

http://jitic.fhu.disa.mil/local_info/clear.htm

1. Collateral clearance information can be sent by JPAS or Fax.

- a. JPAS Visit Notifications:
 - (1) SMO: DKARAA
 - (2) POC: JITC/Individual's Name
- b. Faxed Visit Authorization Letters:
 - (1) Site to be visited and contact numbers:

Mailing Address:

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Facsimile Numbers

Comm: (520) 538-4345
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Voice Numbers

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(2) The following information is required on the Visit Authorization Letter.

- Name
- SSN
- Citizenship
- Eligibility level and date (An example of clearance level and date would be a SECRET clearance granted on ddmmmyy (03 Jul 08).
- Type of investigation and date (An example of investigation type and date would be an SSBI dated ddmmmyy (03 Jul 08).)
- Purpose of visit
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- POC at the JITC
- Length of visit (maximum 1 year)
- Signature block of your security manager

(3) Contractors using the Visit Authorization Letter must submit them through their responsible Facility Security Officer (FSO) IAW DoD 5220.22-M, chapter 6-103. All requests must be submitted on your company or organization letterhead, signed by your FSO and faxed to the above stated number.

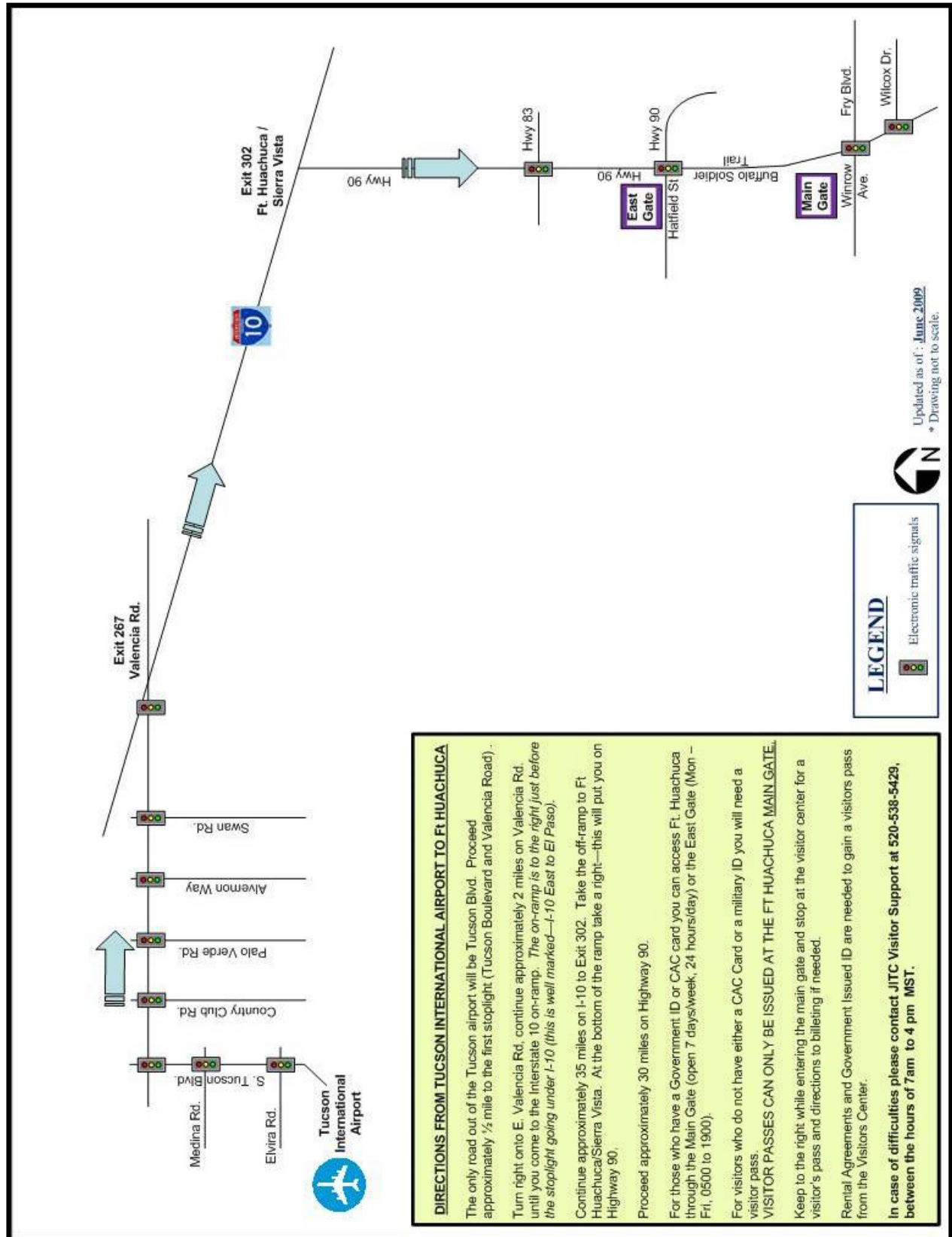
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2. For questions concerning SCI or Special Access visits please contact the JITC Special Security Representative (SSR) at (520) 538-4181.

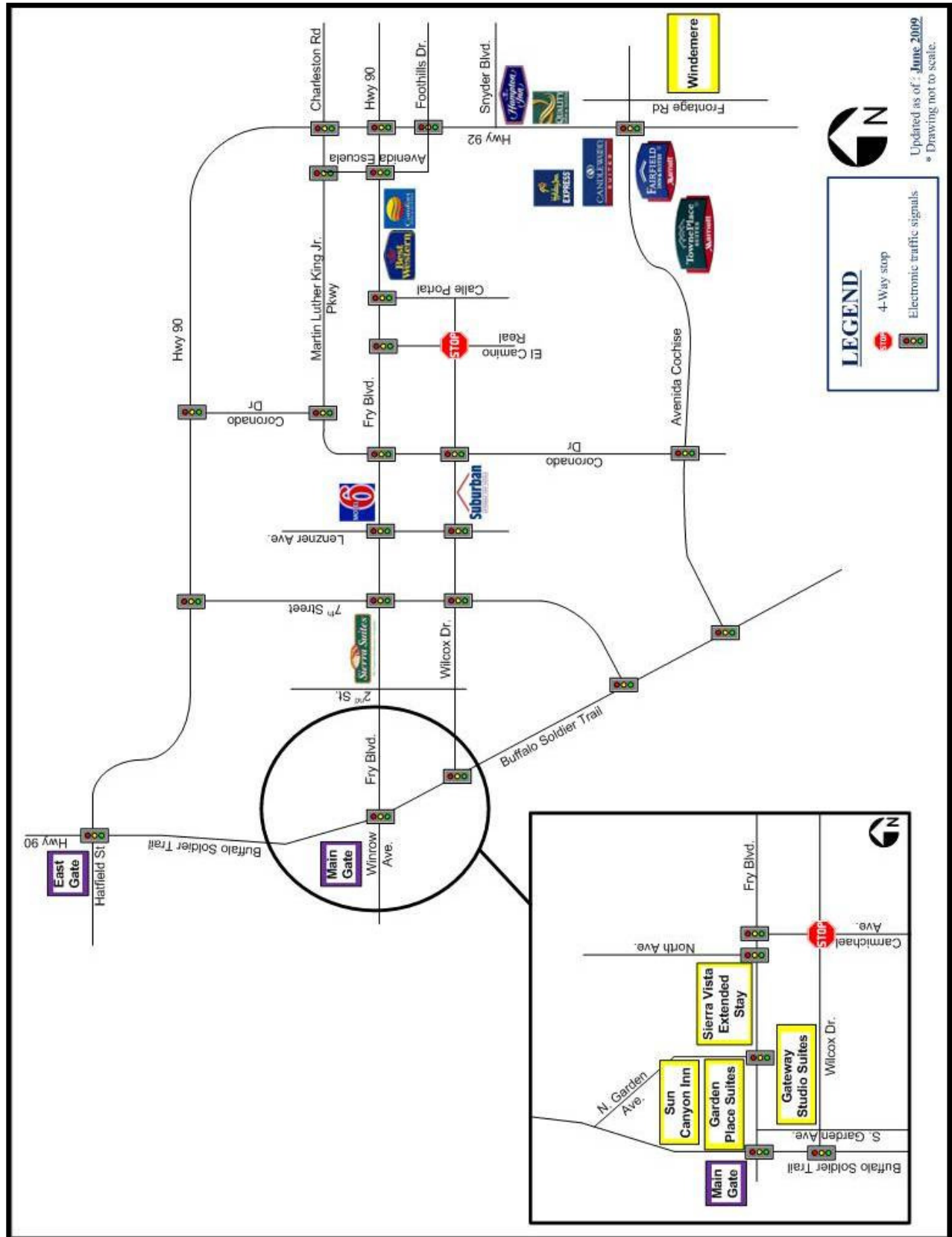
MAPS AND DIRECTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: The hotel, restaurant, and business information contained in this website is for general information purposes only. Reference to any specific commercial service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise, does not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the Joint Interoperability Test Command, its employees, or the United States Government.

Map and Directions from Tucson International Airport



Map of Local Lodging



Lodging Information

Best Western Mission Inn –

3640 E. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 (520) 458-8500, (877) 937-8386

<http://book.bestwestern.com>

40 rooms. continental breakfast, heated pool. Kids under 12 stay free with adult, 1 small pet OK (\$5.00 per day/pet). Modem lines.

Candlewood Suites –

1904 S Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 439-8200, (877) 226-3539

<http://www.CandlewoodSuites.com>

71 rooms, outdoor pool, whirlpool, on-site guest self-laundry facilities, on-site fitness center, full kitchen, high-speed Internet in each suite.

Comfort Inn & Suites –

3500 E. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 459-0515, (800) 228-5150

<http://www.comfortinn.com>

65 rooms. Heated pool, continental breakfast. Children under 18, free, in same room. No pets. Meeting space 20-25, catering allowed.

Fairfield Inn Suites - Marriott –

3855 El Mercado Loop, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 439-5900, (800) 228-2800

<http://www.marriott.com/fairfield-inn/travel.mi>

67 rooms. Free high speed Internet, Cable TV with HBO, exercise room, pool, spa. continental breakfast. No pets. Meeting space for 35-40 people, catering allowed.

Garden Place Suites –

100 North Garden Ave, Sierra Vista AZ 85635 (520) 439-3300 (877) 439-3301

<http://gardenplacesuites.com>

Complimentary high-speed internet, 32" flat panel television, Complimentary Expanded Cable TV, fully equipped kitchenette, king size bed, couch with a pull out twin bed, irons and ironing boards, microwaves, Complimentary Deluxe Continental breakfast, heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi, meeting rooms, fitness center, guest laundry facilities, dry cleaning and laundry service, fax and copy services, mail and FedEx.

Gateway Studio Suites –

203 S. Garden Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 458-5555, (877) 443-6200

<http://www.gatewaystudios.com>

83 rooms. Kitchenettes, pool, sauna, exercise room, and accommodations for the hearing and physically impaired. Meeting space for 35-40 people, catering allowed

Hampton Inn –

4100 Snyder Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 439-5400

<http://hamptoninn1.hilton.com>

58 rooms. Pool, complimentary breakfast and beverage area, coin laundry, laundry/valet service, complimentary high speed Internet access. Meeting space for 18 people.

Holiday Inn Express –

1902 S Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 439-8800, (800) 465-4329

<http://www.holidayinn.com>

77 rooms. Outdoor pool, whirlpool, complimentary breakfast, on-site guest self-laundry facilities, on-site health/fitness center, in-room high-speed Internet access.

Motel 6 –

1551 E. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 459-5035, (800) 466-8356

<http://www.motel6.com>

102 rooms. Pool, laundry facilities, no breakfast.

Quality Inn –

1631 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 458-7900, (800) 458-0982

<http://www.QualityInn.com>

102 rooms. Deluxe continental breakfast, microwave, freezer and coffee maker in all rooms and spa.

Cats/dogs welcome (\$10 per day/pet).

Sierra Suites –

391 E. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 459-4221

<http://sierravistasuites.com>

100 rooms. Beautiful southwestern inn, deluxe continental breakfast, high-speed WIRELESS in all rooms, heated pool. Meeting space for 40-80 people with catering allowed.

Sierra Vista Extended Stay –

201 W. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 458-6711

67 rooms. No pets.

Suburban – Extended Stay Hotel –

1850 E. Wilcox Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 458-0540, 800-4CHOICE

<http://www.choicehotels.com>

70 Suites. Well-equipped kitchen, onsite laundry, business center, onsite fitness center, conference room, free Wi-Fi, Free cable & HBO, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, weekly housekeeping. AAA/AARP and Military discounts.

Sun Canyon Inn –

260 N. Garden Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 459-0810, (800) 822-6966

<http://www.suncanyoninn.com>

80 rooms. Full service hotel - Bridal Suite, private spa, pool, hot breakfast buffet weekdays and deluxe continental breakfast weekends. Exercise room and high speed Internet available. Meeting space for 25 people, catering allowed.

Towne Place Suites (Marriott) –

3399 Rodeo Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 515-9900, (800) 257-3000

<http://www.marriott.com>

71 rooms. Suites with a home office and full kitchen, HBO, separate living and sleeping areas, free high-speed Internet, on-site business services, an outdoor swimming pool, exercise room, and guest laundry facilities. Breakfast daily. Pets welcome.

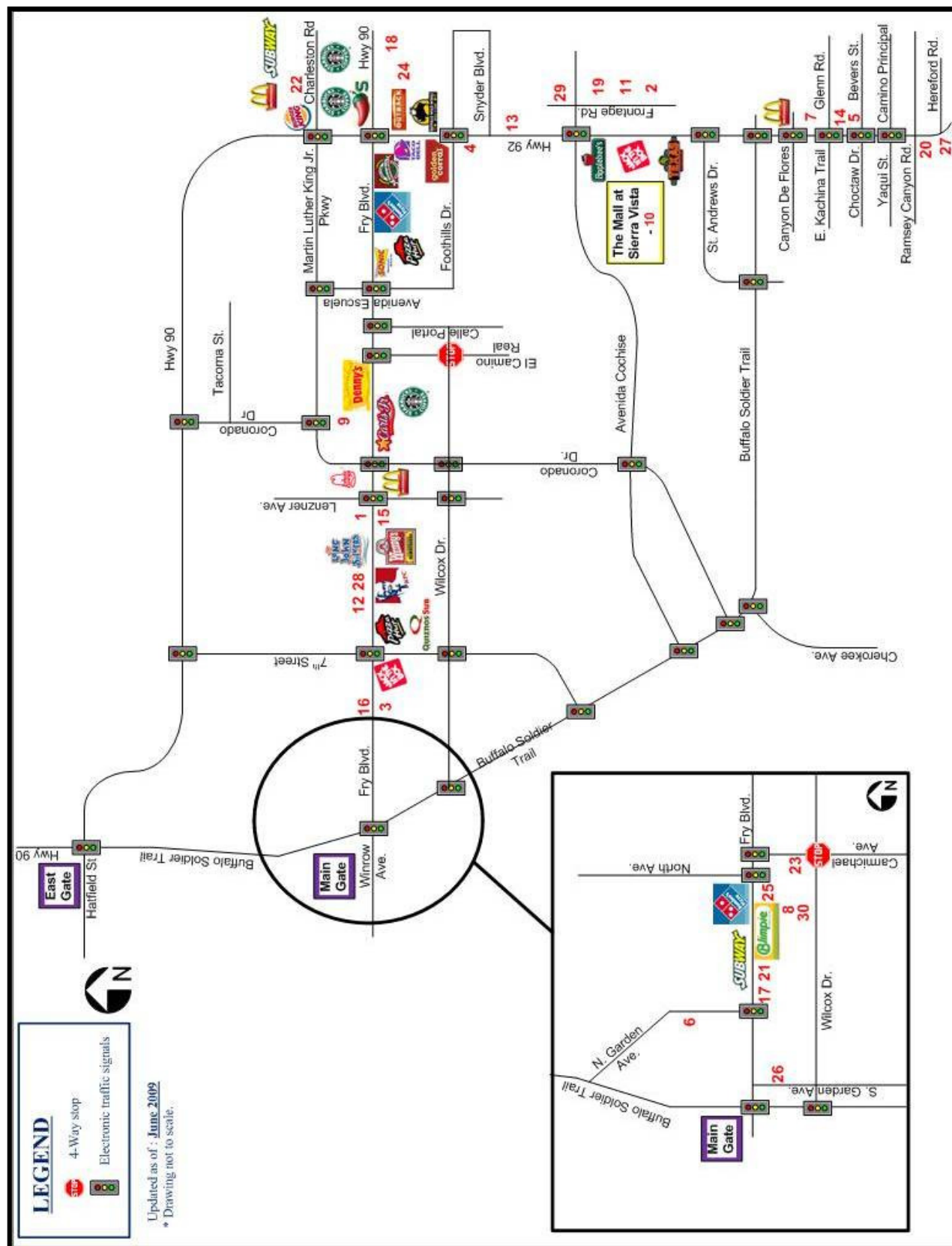
Windermere Hotel & Conference Center –

2047 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 459-5900, (800) 825-4656

<http://windemerehotel.com>

149 rooms. Full service hotel, restaurant and lounge on site, health club pass. Meeting space for 300-400 people, in-house catering.

Map of Local Restaurants

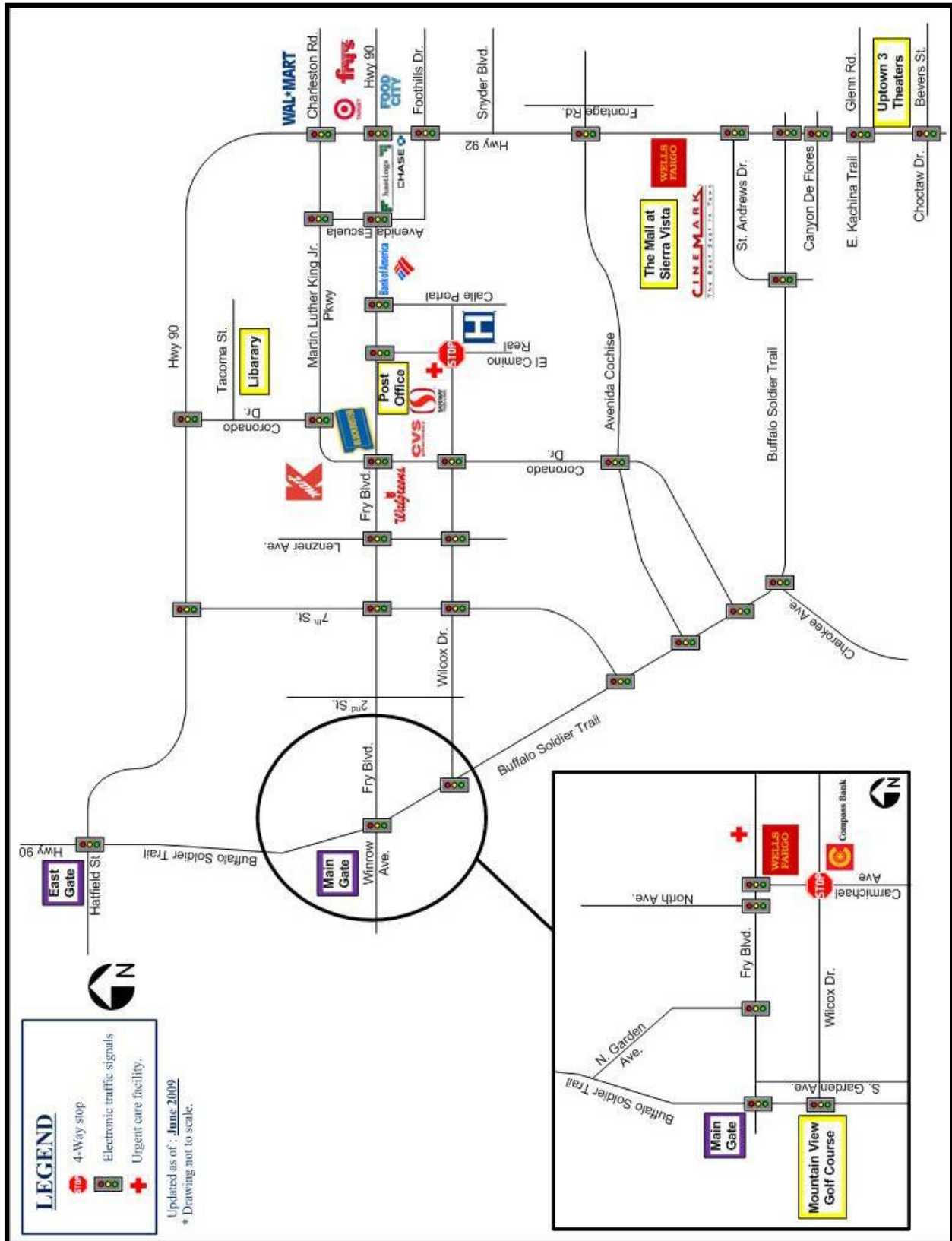


Local Restaurant Information

	Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar	3899 El Mercado Loop	(520) 459-1664
1*	Bakers Flor, Bakery and Candy Store	1481 E Fry Blvd	(520) 417-2253
2	Buzz Breads	2151 S Hwy 92	(520) 459-0010
	Buffalo Wild Wings Bar & Grill	205 W Hwy 92	(520) 515-9464
3	Caff��-O-L��	400 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-6261
	Chili's Grill & Bar	4001 E Hwy 90	(520) 439-4800
4	Cold Stone Creamery	1100 S Hwy 92	(520) 439-5072
5	Country House Restaurant	4373 S Hwy 92	(520) 378-4400
6	Daisy Mae's Stronghold	332 N Garden Ave	(520) 452-8099
7	Delio's Italian Restaurant & Old World Pizza	3637 S Hwy 92	(520) 378-1066
8	Deutsches Eck	264 W Fry Blvd	(520) 458-8228
	Dominos Pizza	3670 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-5000
		209 W Fry Blvd	(520) 458-3030
9	Famous Sam's Restaurant & Bar	2239 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-8055
		2200 El Mercado Loop (inside The Mall at Sierra Vista)	
10	Food Court	Villa Pizza, Subway, A & W All American Foods, Flaming Wok, Taco Bell, Great American Cookies/Pretzelmaker	(520) 452-0011
11	Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant	2151 S Hwy 92	(520) 458-7575
12	Golden Phoenix Restaurant (Chinese / Korean)	1173 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-4717
13	Hana Tokyo Hibachi Sushi & Bar	1633 S Hwy 92	(520) 458-1993
14	Irish Pub & Steakhouse	4301 S Hwy 92	(520) 378-6835
15	Kim Ba-Woo's Den (Korean Restaurant)	1232 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-5029
16	La Casita Restaurant	465 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-2376
17	Landmark Caf��	400 W Fry Blvd	(520) 459-4624
18	Little Caesar's Pizza	55 S Hwy 92	(520) 458-1601
19	Maestro's	2047 S Hwy 92 (in the Windermere Hotel)	(520) 459-6870
		Located in Wal-Mart	Wal-Mart (520) 458-8790
	McDonalds	1802 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-2524
		3536 Canyon De Flores	(520) 378-2073
20	Mesquite Tree	S Hwy 92 & Carr Canyon Rd.	(520) 378-2758
21	New China Buffet	21 Fab Ave	(520) 458-1118
22	Oriental Buffet & Grill	465 N Hwy 90.	(520) 459-8922
	Outback Steakhouse	99 S Hwy 92	(520) 458-1313
23	Peacock Restaurant Vietnamese Cuisine	80 S Carmichael Ave	(520) 459-0095
24	Peter Piper Pizza	155 S Hwy 92	(520) 458-1570
	Pizza Hut	3680 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-8872
	Pizza Hut & Italian Bistro	900 E Fry Blvd.	(520) 459-6300
25	Ranch House Steak House & Saloon	220 W Fry Blvd	(520) 458-1577
26	Real Taco, The	45 S Garden Ave.	(520) 458-0224
27	Ricardo's Mexican Restaurant	S Hwy 92, Hereford AZ 85615	(520) 378-3220
		Located inside Fry's Food Stores of Arizona	Fry's (520) 458-0989
	Starbuck's Coffee	Located inside Safeway Food & Drug	Safeway (520) 459-4204
		Located inside Target	Target (520) 452-0035
28	Tanuki Sushi Bar & Garden	1221 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-6853
29	Vinny's New York Pizza	1977 Frontage Rd and S Hwy 92	(520) 459-2315
30	Yama Sushi	260 E Fry Blvd	(520) 452-0980

* Numbers indicate location on map

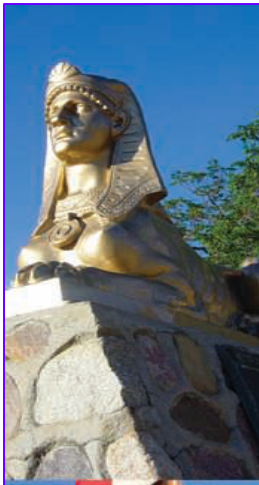
Map of Points of Interest



Points of Interest Information

Banks		
Bank of America	3148 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-1441
Chase Bank	4351 E Hwy 90 (inside Fry's)	877-226-5663
Chase Bank	3932 E Fry Blvd	800-423-2265
Compass Bank	211 S Carmichael Ave	(520) 458-1088
Wells Fargo	2187 El Mercado Loop	(520) 459-7867
Wells Fargo	2190 E Fry Blvd (inside Safeway)	(520) 459-8513
Wells Fargo	50 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-8489
Shopping		
CVS Pharmacy	2090 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-1254
Food City	85 S Hwy 92	(520) 439-6080
Fry's Food Stores of Arizona	4351 E Hwy 90	Grocery (520) 458-0989 Pharmacy (520) 458-0997
Kmart Store	2011 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-0345
Mall at Sierra Vista, The	2200 El Mercado Loop	(520) 452-0011
Safeway	2190 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-4204
Target	4151 E Hwy 90	(520) 452-0035
Walgreens Drug Store	1950 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-5638
Wal-Mart	657 E Hwy 90	(520) 458-8790
Entertainment		
Blockbuster Video	2085 E Fry Blvd	(520) 452-8444
Cinemark Theaters	2175 El Mercado Loop	(520) 458-1936
Hastings Books Music & Videos	3758 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-8130
Mountain View Golf Course	Fort Huachuca	(520) 533-7088
Sierra Vista Public Library	2600 E Tacoma	(520) 458-4225
Uptown 3 Theaters	4341 S Hwy 92	(520) 378-2858
Post Office		
Sierra Vista Post Office	2300 E Fry Blvd	(520) 458-2540
Hospital		
Sierra Vista Regional Health Center (hospital)	300 El Camino Real	(520) 458-4641
High Desert Clinic Urgent Care or Walk-In Clinic	77 E Fry Blvd	(520) 459-8915
Urgent Care Clinic	2585 E Wilcox Drive	(520) 459-8990

LOCAL INFORMATION AND ATTRACTIONS



Garden Canyon, Fort Huachuca

A must hike for naturalists, birders, butterfly enthusiasts and archaeology buffs. Inhabited since 600 A.D., the Canyon has 53 pictographs, or rock art, from some of its earliest residents, as well as Apache pictographs from the 1700s. The canyon is easily and fully accessible from hiking trails winding through some of the most diverse flora and fauna.

Here white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorns and javelinas roam. Birders should keep an eye out to add Sulphur - bellied Flycatchers, Painted Red Start and Elegant Trogons to their life lists. The Scheelite Canyon Trail yields Mexican Spotted Owls; and the Sawmill Canyon Trail is a haven for Montezuma Quail, Buff-breasted Flycatchers as well as Red-faced and Grace's Warblers.

From the Fort Huachuca Main Gate, follow Squire Ave. 2 miles to the Garden Canyon sign on left; continue to Range Control; right on Range Road to Garden Canyon.

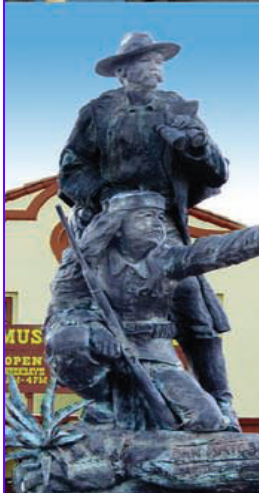


The Old Post Cemetery, Fort Huachuca

See history immortalized on gravestones. Before the end of the Post's first year in 1877, the 6th Cavalry troopers suffered their first casualty and established the need for memorial grounds.

The Old Post Cemetery is an emotional "read" for devotees of military history. Historic characters abound. Take postmistress Mrs. Carrie Clark, who was moved lock, stock and post office from Post grounds because she was disrespectful of the Post commander. Or was it because she was selling illegal whiskey? Or experience the eerie, wind-swept quiet of the final resting place for 76 souls disinterred from Old Fort San Carlos, and a score more who met unkind fates in the Apache-terrorized wilderness beyond the Post gates. You would miss these graves if not for the lone headstone with the inscription, "The Unknowns."

From the Fort Huachuca main gate, follow Squire Ave. to Winrow; left onto Mizner; right onto Grierson; right onto Hungerford; left onto Christy; follow signs to the Old Post Cemetery.



Fort Huachuca Museum and Annex

There's nothing like the great indoors of our museums to shed light on history. Nowhere is this truer than in the Fort Huachuca Museum and its Annex. Interested in manuscripts over 140 years old? Or would you like to relive the edge of-the-chair, nuclear confrontations of the Cold War? Opened in 1960, this extraordinary collection is housed in two large buildings, offering a panoramic and comprehensive exhibit of Southwestern U.S. history. From the first attempts to tame the territory in 1846, through the 4th Cavalry patrol and their Indian scouts' campaigns that resulted in the surrender of Geronimo, and to the battles of the Pacific during the "Big One" – it's all here in breathtaking detail. Be sure to allow at least a few hours to tour these exhibits of clothing, weaponry, and other rarities from the Buffalo Soldiers, the Civil War, World War II, and the Korean War.

From the Main Gate take Squire Ave. to Winrow; left onto Mizner; right onto Grierson; right onto Hungerford; parking on the left.

The U.S. Army Military Intelligence Museum (MI Museum), Fort Huachuca

How is this for authenticity and relevance? The MI Museum of Fort Huachuca is such a complete storehouse of historic significance that the U.S. Army Military Intelligence School uses it extensively to this day. Be sure to reserve about an hour to fully enjoy these deviously clever exhibits.

Visitors will see surveillance and espionage tools from the Civil War, the notorious Enigma Machine coding device used by the Germans during WW II, one of our Cold War espionage jeeps, a surveillance drone and, the real thing, a 12' x 10' section of the Berlin Wall, replete with graffitied political statements.

From the Main Gate take Squire Ave. to Winrow; left onto Mizner; right onto Grierson; right onto Hungerford; parking on the left.

Reservoir Hill Overlook, Fort Huachuca

In 1883, Captain Adna R. Chaffee, the Post Commander, plagued by a water supply problem, ordered a 200,000-gallon capacity double reservoir built on a hill just east of Fort Huachuca. Over time that hill became known as both Reservoir Hill and Signal Hill. Located on the southern portion of the overlook on Fort Huachuca on a small patch of terrain extending from the hill, the U.S. Army Signal Corps discovered this vantage point for sending heliograph messages to other stations throughout the area. This is truly the majestic viewpoint of the San Pedro Valley.

From the Main Gate, take Squire Ave. to Winrow; left on Mizner; right onto Grierson toward Huachuca Canyon. Just before Huachuca Canyon, take a left and follow the road to Reservoir Hill.



Kartchner Caverns State Park

In November of 1974 two local cavers were exploring around the base of the Whetstone Mountains when they noticed a narrow opening leading into the hillside. They followed the opening, crawling until they entered a vast, pristine cavern. The two kept their discovery secret from even the property owners, James and Lois Kartchner, until four years later. The cave's existence was not publicly revealed until 1988, when the site was sold and designated as an Arizona State Park. What will you find within this carefully protected and preserved land of visual enchantment below the ground? Stunning living caverns of mystery and awe, including exhibits of scientific information on why these internationally acclaimed caverns exist. You'll learn about the bats that make their home here, and how the many huge stalactites and stalagmites are formed. And you will see why Kartchner Caverns is truly an underground phenomenon unlike any other. Amenities include shaded ramadas and outdoor picnicking. The Discovery Center offers interactive displays and a theater video program. Walking and hiking trails and a campground are available.

Hwy 90 North 19 miles to the park gate on left.

Ash, Carr, Miller & Ramsey Canyons

Where else would four publicly accessible canyons that also happen to be world renowned bird watching sites end up in the same locale?

In Ramsey Canyon, the public can watch hummingbird research banding of the 14 species generally migrating through and in Miller Canyon, 17 hummingbird species have been sighted, along with the indigenous Leopard Frog. Rare bird sightings in these canyons, like the Plain-capped Star Throat, Flame-colored Tanager and the Slate-throated Red Start, have garnered national attention.

The Carr House Visitor Center in Carr Canyon offers displays and exhibits of historical and natural significance. There are nature trails for strolling as well as hiking that is more adventurous. These four canyons offer trailheads that lead into the majestic Coronado National Forest and Miller Peak, with its breathtaking views at nearly 10,000 feet.

Visit the public bird feeding stations at the Ash Canyon B&B in Ash Canyon as well as those at Beatty's Guest Ranch & Orchard in Miller Canyon.

Follow Highway 92 South for six miles then turn right on Ramsey Canyon Road. The preserve is at the end of Ramsey Canyon Road, four miles west of the highway.



Bisbee has evolved into an attractive artist colony and retirement community, known for its relaxed quality of life. Travelers from all over the world come to Bisbee to savor its unique charm... an uncommon blend of creativity, friendliness, style, romance and adventure — all wrapped in the splendor of the Old West. To stop in Bisbee is to stop in time. Nestled in the mile-high Mule Mountains of southern Arizona, Bisbee has maintained an Old World charm seldom found anywhere in the United States.

The fine collection of well-preserved turn of the century Victorian structures is full of old west history and copper mining lore. Old miners' boarding houses have been refurbished into many charming small bed and breakfast establishments, of which no two are alike. Former saloons are now quaint shops, antique stores or art galleries, cafes and restaurants.

Come stay in Bisbee. Stroll its sidewalks and find delight in the many art galleries, gourmet restaurants, coffee houses, book stores and specialty shops. Visit the charmingly restored neighborhoods of Victorian and European-style homes perched miraculously on the hillsides. Unwind...relax...and find soothing respite from your everyday world.

The most popular activity in Bisbee is the Queen Mine Tour, a trip down into the now inactive copper mine. Bisbee's Queen Mine was once one of the richest copper mines in history when the mine originally opened in 1877. The mine eventually closed when mining operations were discontinued in Bisbee in the mid-1970's. The Queen Mine opened once again as a tour for visitors in 1976, nearly 100 years after the mine originally opened. Visitors don yellow slickers, hard hats, and miner's lanterns as they descent on the mine train deep into the mine and experience the life of miners as they toiled in the subterranean tunnels.

A must for history buffs is a visit to the Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, the West's first rural Smithsonian Institute affiliate. At the museum, visitors learn more about life on Bisbee's "Urban Frontier". Also a stop at the historic Muheim House is important for an outstanding example of 19th century architecture and elegance.

Another popular activity is Bisbee's excellent self-guided historic walking tour. A brochure of the walking tour can be picked up at the Visitor Center. The tour details each historic structure and guides the visitor with a map.

For more information visit <http://www.cityofbisbee.com/>

Tombstone, Arizona

The Town too Tough to Die



Tombstone is located 22 miles South of I-10 on Hwy 80, which is 67 miles Southeast of Tucson. The current population is roughly 1,500 and the elevation is 4,540. While visiting Tombstone, tourists will find themselves stepping back into the past as they witness re-enactments at the OK Corral or take a stroll along the boardwalks on Allen Street where they might want to unwind and relax in The Bird Cage Theater, Big Nose Kate's or The Crystal Palace, some of Tombstone's best known tourist attractions and saloons. The surrounding mountains and communities in Cochise County offer visitors much insight into America and Arizona's history. Visitors to the area will find themselves captivated by the surrounding mountain ranges, such as the "boulder like" Dragoon Mountains. The town site of Tombstone (a name invented by Edward Schieffelin) was laid out on March 5, 1879. At that time Tombstone had 40 cabins and 100 people. Allen Street lots sold for \$5.00 each. By June 20, 1880 there were 3,000 people in town. By late 1881 there was over 7,000 people in town and more gambling houses, saloons, and a larger "boothill" and "red light" district than any town in the Southwest. Population increased rapidly from that time, and in the 1890s it had reached a maximum of 15,000. Although Tombstone started as a mining camp, today tourism is the primary industry.

Boothill Graveyard is known throughout the world as the final resting place of the Wild West's most legendary characters. The Clantons and McLaurys, Bill Claiborne, Billy Grounds, China Mary, Dutch Annie, Quong Kee, Red River Tom and dozens of other famous and infamous are buried here.

The OK Corral is home to the most famous historic gunfight in the Old West. Wyatt Earp with his brothers Virgil and Morgan along with Doc Holliday, trying to instill peace in the rowdy town of Tombstone, fought it out with the Clanton and McLowry brothers at the rear entrance to the OK Corral. The infamous gunfight of October 1881 went down in history and is re-enacted daily at 2:00pm on the streets of Tombstone.

The Bird Cage Theatre was one of the most famous "honky-tonks" in America in the years 1881 to 1889. The New York Times referred to it in 1882 as the "wildest, wickedest night spot between Basin Street and the Barbary Coast".

The Rose Bush located in the Rose Tree Inn Museum, was planted in 1885 from a rooted Lady Banksia Rose shoot sent from Scotland. In the 1930s Robert Ripley from Ripley's Believe It or Not visited the Museum and in his column declared the rose bush the World's largest Rose Tree.

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